

# Pennsylvania Department of Aging



## State Agency Mission

The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging is to promote independence, purpose and well-being in the lives of older adults through advocacy, service and protection.

## Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

## Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 85 FTE.

## Local Network

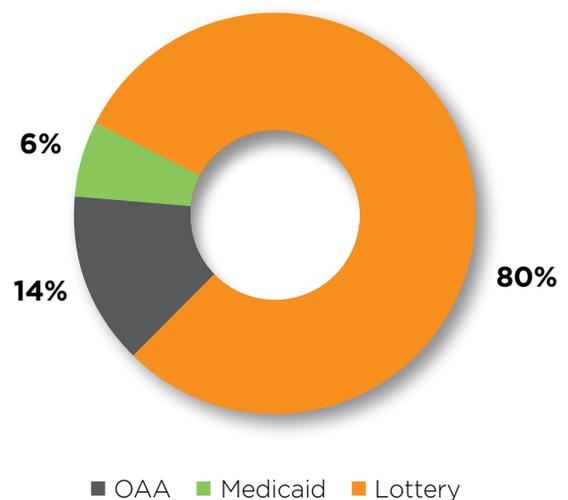
- 52** Area Agencies on Aging
- 17** Independent Living Centers

## Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

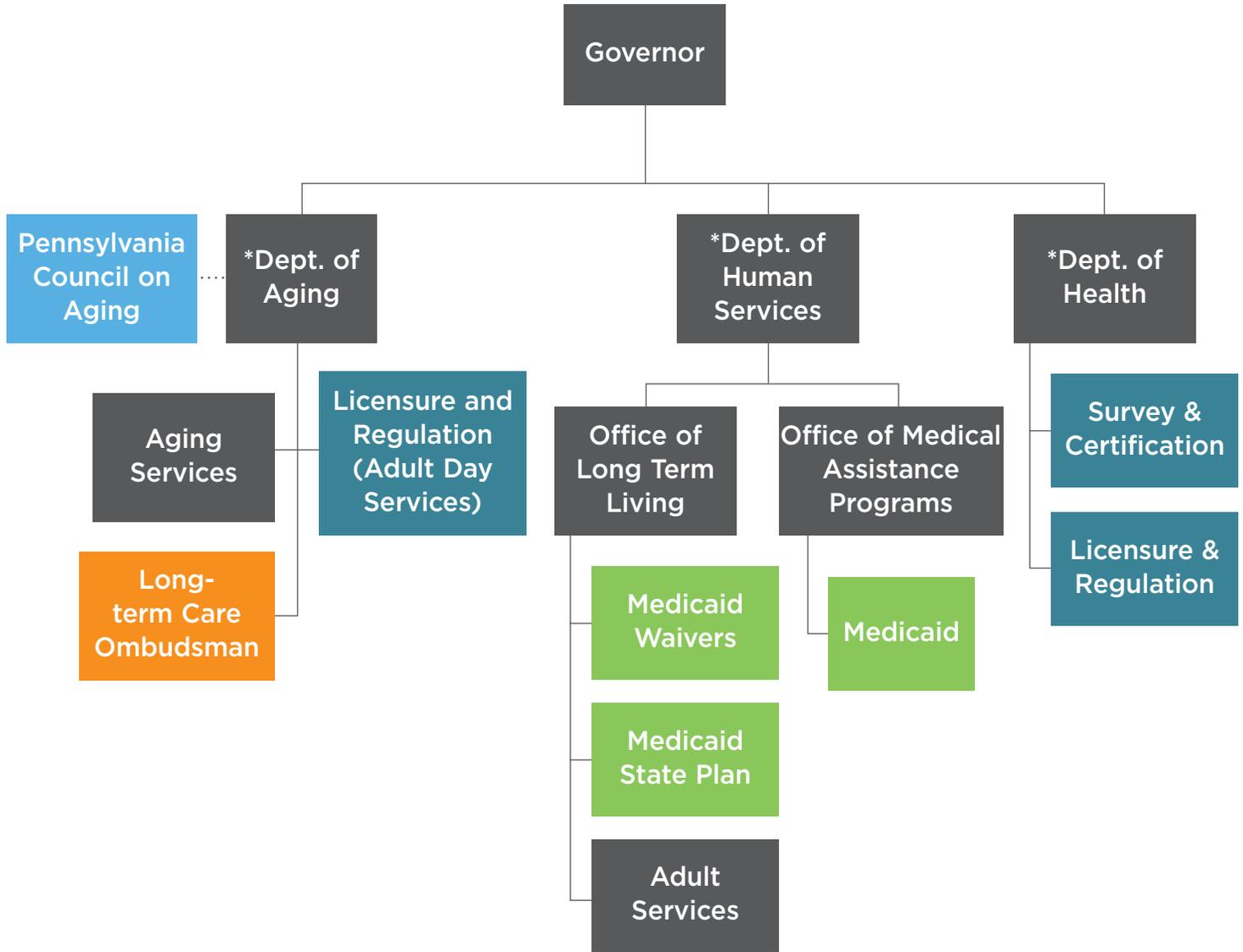
1. Adult Protective Services
2. Lack of Affordable Housing
3. Health and Welfare of LTSS participants
4. Mitigating Social Isolation
5. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID

## Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$174,564,000



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- ..... Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- \* Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

## Responsibilities of Pennsylvania’s Department of Aging

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	✓
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓

## Key State Initiative

### *Support During COVID*

The Department continues to support and provide guidance to AAAs to safely operate and administer services during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information is available at: <https://www.aging.pa.gov/service-provider-quicklinks/covid-19-provider-guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

### *Health Information Exchange*

The Department of Aging is working to improve the ability of the aging network in Pennsylvania to participate in electronic referral and health information exchange across the state. This will improve service coordination for older Pennsylvanians by sharing health and social services information among providers. The Department of Aging continues to support the expansion of IT across vendors, Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Benefit Data Trust (BDT) and the Department of Aging. Currently, almost 20 AAAs are participating, with more expected to come on board shortly.

More information is available at: <https://mailchi.mp/pa/inside-aging-mar2021>

